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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Brian Bowman  
Serial No: 10/760,947  
Filed: January 20, 2004  
For: End-Face Seal For Graphite Electrodes  
Group Art Unit: 3742  
Examiner: Hoang  
Attorney's Docket No: P2028/N9780  
Customer No. 23456

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005 for the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.